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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2004.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                            2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-11 and 13-18 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-11 and 13-18 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_ .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The difference between, for example, current claim 1 and previously existing claim 3 is the addition of the language: "setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin". According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of "origin" with regard to cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured. Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pechatnikov in view of Murray and Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology.

In regard to claim 1, Pechatnikov discloses:

receiving coordinates of current location of a GPS terminal (¶ 8, 14, 25; 202, Fig. 2A) and a request for location information (¶ 137), where the location information includes coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal from the GPS terminal (¶ 137, 112, 158);

generating location information having coordinates of the geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal (¶ 137, 112, 158); and

transmitting the location information to the GPS terminal (¶ 7, 137, 112, 158).

Pechatnikov discloses the need to transmit data over a low-speed wireless link (¶ 7).

Pechatnikov fails to disclose setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin and calculating difference values between the coordinate of the GPS terminal (the origin) and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured.

Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode. It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Pechatnikov in order to reduce communication time, which is important in view of Pechatnikov's low-speed wireless link, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 2, Pechatnikov further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (¶ 137, 112).

In regard to claim 7, Pechatnikov further discloses generating graphical location information based on the location information (Fig. 4).

In regard to claim 4, Pechatnikov discloses:

receiving coordinates of current location of a GPS terminal from the GPS terminal (¶ 8, 14, 25; 202, Fig. 2A);

generating basic location information which includes coordinates of main geographical features adjacent to a GPS terminal in response to a request for basic location information from the GPS terminal (¶ 137, 112, 158);

transmitting the basic location information to the GPS terminal (¶ 7, 137, 112, 158);

generating additional location information which includes coordinates of detailed geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal in response to a request for additional location information from the GPS terminal (¶ 219, 151); and transmitting additional location information to the GPS terminal (¶ 219, 151).

Pechatnikov discloses the need to transmit data over a low-speed wireless link (¶ 7).

Pechatnikov fails to disclose setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin and calculating difference values between the coordinate of the GPS terminal (the origin) and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured.

Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of

time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode. It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Pechatnikov in order to reduce communication time, which is important in view of Pechatnikov's low-speed wireless link, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 9, Pechatnikov further discloses outputting graphical basic location information on a display unit, and outputting graphical additional location information on the display unit (Fig. 4; ¶ 219, 151).

In regard to claims 5 and 10, Pechatnikov further discloses the main geographical features include location of main buildings, figure of main buildings, location of main roads and figure of main roads (¶ 137, 112).

In regard to claims 6 and 11, Pechatnikov further discloses the detailed geographical features include location of buildings, figure of buildings, location of roads and figure of roads (¶ 137, 112).

In regard to claim 13, Pechatnikov discloses:

a GPS server for receiving the coordinates of current location of a GPS mobile terminal (¶ 7; Fig. 2A), generating location information which includes coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal through retrieval of map data base, and transmitting the location information to the GPS terminal (¶ 137, 112, 158); and

at least one GPS terminal for transmitting coordinates of its current location, requesting the location information to the GPS server, receiving the location information

from the GPS server, generating graphical location information based on the location information, and displaying the graphical location information (¶ 8, 14, 25; Fig. 4).

Pechatnikov discloses the need to transmit data over a low-speed wireless link (¶ 7).

Pechatnikov fails to disclose setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin and calculating difference values between the coordinate of the GPS terminal (the origin) and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is “In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured.” In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured. Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode. It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference

feature in Murray into the invention of Pechatnikov in order to reduce communication time, which is important in view of Pechatnikov's low-speed wireless link, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 14, Pechatnikov further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (¶ 137, 112).

In regard to claim 15, Pechatnikov discloses:

a receiver for receiving a location information request message and coordinates of the current location of a GPS terminal from a GPS terminal (antenna tower to let of 204, Fig. 2A);

a map database for storing map information; a transmitter for transmitting coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal (206); and

a processor for retrieving the map database based on the coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal (204; ¶ 90, 94).

Pechatnikov discloses the need to transmit data over a low-speed wireless link (¶ 7).

Pechatnikov fails to disclose setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin and calculating difference values between the coordinate of the GPS terminal (the origin) and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the

geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin.

According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is “In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured.” In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured.

Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode. It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Pechatnikov in order to reduce communication time, which is important in view of Pechatnikov's low-speed wireless link, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 16, Pechatnikov further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (¶ 137, 112).

In regard to claim 17, Pechatnikov discloses:

a GPS receiver for receiving a GPS signal from GPS satellites (860, Fig. 8B);  
a GPS processor for calculating coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal using the GPS signal (860, Fig. 8B);

a transmitter for transmitting a location information request message and coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal (852);  
a receiver for receiving coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal from the GPS server (852); and  
a location information processor for generating graphical location information based on the coordinates of geographical features and displaying the graphical location information (850, 854).

Pechatnikov discloses the need to transmit data over a low-speed wireless link (¶ 7).

Pechatnikov fails to disclose setting up the received coordinates of current location of the GPS terminal as an origin and calculating difference values between the coordinate of the GPS terminal (the origin) and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured.

Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode. It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Pechatnikov in order to reduce communication time, which is important in view of Pechatnikov's low-speed wireless link, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 18, Pechatnikov further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (¶ 137, 112).

3. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maruyama in view of Murray and Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology.

In regard to claim 1, Maruyama discloses:

receiving coordinates of current location of a GPS terminal (col. 5, lines 51-53) and a request for location information, where the location information includes coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal from the GPS terminal (col. 5, lines 31-62);

generating location information having coordinates of the geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal (Fig. 4, 8; col. 9, lines 24-27); and

transmitting the location information to the GPS terminal (Fig. 4, 8, 9; col. 9, lines 24-27).

Maruyama fails to disclose the coordinate of the geographical feature includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured. Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

Murray further discloses this allows a smaller message size (col. 2, lines 44-49), which reduces the time it takes to receiver the message, thus reducing the amount of time needed to display the features, and saving battery power due to lesser time in communication mode.

It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Maruyama in order to reduce communication time, increase the display update rate, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 2, Maruyama further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claim 7, Maruyama further discloses generating graphical location information based on the location information (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claim 4, Maruyama discloses:

receiving coordinates of current location of a GPS terminal from the GPS terminal (col. 5, lines 51-53);

generating basic location information which includes coordinates of main geographical features adjacent to a GPS terminal in response to a request for basic location information from the GPS terminal (Fig. 4, 8; col. 5, lines 31-62; col. 9, lines 24-27);

transmitting the basic location information to the GPS terminal (Fig. 4, 8, 9; col. 5, lines 31-62; col. 9, lines 24-27);

generating additional location information which includes coordinates of detailed geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal in response to a request for additional location information from the GPS terminal (col. 5, lines 62-64); and

transmitting additional location information to the GPS terminal (col. 5, lines 62-64).

Maruyama fails to disclose the coordinate of the geographical feature includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

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In regard to claim 9, Maruyama further discloses outputting graphical basic location information on a display unit, and outputting graphical additional location information on the display unit (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claims 5 and 10, Maruyama further discloses the main geographical features include location of main buildings, figure of main buildings, location of main roads and figure of main roads (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claims 6 and 11, Maruyama further discloses the detailed geographical features include location of buildings, figure of buildings, location of roads and figure of roads (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claim 13, Maruyama discloses:

a GPS server for receiving the coordinates of current location of a GPS mobile terminal (67, Fig. 9), generating location information which includes coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal through retrieval of map data base (Fig. 4, 8; col. 9, lines 24-27; 67c, Fig. 9), and transmitting the location information to the GPS terminal (62-61); and

at least one GPS terminal for transmitting coordinates of its current location, requesting the location information to the GPS server, receiving the location information from the GPS server, generating graphical location information based on the location information, and displaying the graphical location information (61).

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geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin.

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It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Maruyama in order to reduce communication time, increase the display update rate, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 14, Maruyama further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claim 15, Maruyama discloses:

a receiver for receiving a location information request message and coordinates of the current location of a GPS terminal from a GPS terminal (62);  
a map database for storing map information (67c);

a transmitter for transmitting coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal (62); and

a processor for retrieving the map database based on the coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal (67a).

Maruyama fails to disclose the coordinate of the geographical feature includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin.

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It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Maruyama in order to reduce communication time, increase the display update rate, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 16, Maruyama further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (Fig. 4, 8).

In regard to claim 17, Maruyama discloses:

a GPS receiver for receiving a GPS signal from GPS satellites (77, Fig. 10; col. 2, lines 31-33);

a GPS processor for calculating coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal using the GPS signal (77);

a transmitter for transmitting a location information request message and coordinates of the current location of the GPS terminal (76);

a receiver for receiving coordinates of geographical features adjacent to the GPS terminal from the GPS server (76); and

a location information processor for generating graphical location information based on the coordinates of geographical features and displaying the graphical location information (71, 72).

Maruyama fails to disclose the coordinate of the geographical feature includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature.

Murray discloses the coordinate of geographical features includes a difference value between the coordinate of the GPS terminal and the coordinate of the geographical feature (col. 2, lines 57-67). Since the coordinates are measured relative to the GPS terminal position, Murray is using the GPS terminal position as an origin. According to the Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology, the definition of origin with regard to Cartography is "In surveying and map construction, the point from which angles and distances are measured." In other words, the origin is merely the reference point from which distance and angles and positions are measured. Murray discloses that the positions he sends are measured relative to the position of the GPS terminal (col. 2, lines 57-67). Thus, Murray is using the GPS terminal as an origin.

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It would have been obvious to include the coordinate difference feature in Murray into the invention of Maruyama in order to reduce communication time, increase the display update rate, and to save battery power to the mobile device.

In regard to claim 18, Maruyama further discloses the geographical features include roads and buildings (Fig. 4, 8).

4. The examiner also finds the following reference(s) relevant:

Suetsugu (col. 8 and 21-22) and Lee (col. 11-12), which also disclose the user of coordinate differences to provide the coordinates of a feature.

Applicant is encouraged to consider these documents in formulating their response (if one is required) to this action, in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred H. Mull whose telephone number is 703-305-1250. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H Tarcza can be reached on 703-360-4171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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